

# Bucks Youth Finds A Friend In Court

## County Judges Decide Juvenile Cases With Gentle Firmness

(Second of Five Articles)

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What happens when a boy goes into a juvenile court courtroom? Is he berated, coddled, disposed of harshly, dismissed lightly?

In Bucks County Juvenile Court, which I attended last week, handling of boys by our judges meets none of the above descriptions as flatly stated.

All but one of the cases I heard were before President Judge Edward G. Biester. The remaining one was before Judge I. Louis Rubin.

In my opinion, Judge Rubin handled his case, a teenager involved in a motor vehicle case, judiciously and with insight. He did not pamper the

youngster, nor did he make him feel ill at ease. I should have liked to have heard more cases handled by him.

Judge Biester, on the other hand, presented a more composite picture of the juvenile court judge, principally because I could watch his handling of a variety of cases and youngsters.

### Knows Boys

Judge Biester, in my opinion, is a master at handling boys, putting them at ease, and digging for underlying reasons for their getting into trouble. He showed a remarkable understanding of boys, their language, and their hidden conflicts. One case, involving a 14-year-old Lower Bucks boy, points out this understanding of how and why some boys get into trouble and how best to help them. More about that boy later.

The point is that youths coming before our judges are handled firmly yet gently, and their cases are disposed of in a manner the judges feel will best benefit the youths.

If the boys must be sent to a training school, the judge picks a school which will suit the boy. Hardened cases go to stricter schools.

### Little Need

There is no witness stand in juvenile court, no cross examination by district attorney or attorney for the defense, no strict formality such as in a courtroom which might alarm or terrify a youngster. Most of the time, there isn't even an attorney.

Attorneys are permitted to represent a youngster in juvenile court, but under the county system there is little need for one. Almost every youth ad-

mits his "crime," and there is often no contest necessitating an attorney.

There is no jury trial, and unlike many adult cases, the judge make the decision on guilt or innocence.

If a youth is very young (usually under 16), the charge is serious enough, his case may be certified over to Quarter Sessions court, where a jury of county residents will decide his guilt or innocence. If a youth is very young (usually under 16), the judge will decide.

Such was the case with the boy handled by Judge Rubin. The boy was charged with reckless driving, failure to yield the right of way, and failure to give way to another driver attempting to pass him. The boy denied the charges.

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### WEATHER

Cloudy and cool today with occasional light rain this morning. High this afternoon in the mid 40s. Fair and cooler tonight with low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow mostly sunny and warmer.

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# MOTHER GIVES UP BABY SHE BEAT

## 'Lost' Levittown Girl Found

## Court Takes Infant From Levittowner

## Beck Refuses Demand For Own Records

WASHINGTON — UP — Teamsters Boss Dave Beck defiantly refused today to give the Senate Rackets Committee his personal financial records or answer questions about his financial dealings with the giant union he heads.

### Good Evening!

West's biggest snow flurry.

Greatest blizzard of the century covers 13 states with drifts up to 15 feet, maroons more than 5000 an' kills 28. Quite a storm, and we hope the sun shines quickly and extremely warm.

Anybody still wondering about those "old-fashioned" winters of grandpa's day?

Extra! Laurel Bend gulch at long last filled and danger of the past two years to motorists and children of the community finally eliminated.

Patience does it, we guess. But you always wonder why officialdom delays so eternally at getting something done when a bit of quick action would do it pronto.

By the way—tomorrow night's a big night for Levittown.

That's when the community-wide house-to-house canvass for the new Public Library building fund will be held and, you know something? Everybody in town should pitch in and contribute as a matter of making this much-needed building a reality, and just to guarantee a night of pleasant dreams.

Now if something could be done about that awful Bristol dump.

It's one of the truly deplorable eyesores in an otherwise very attractive area. And one of the things that Tony Nicol, the burgess, and his council would take time out to do something about it.

Dave Beck, Teamsters Union boss living high on membership dues, scheduled for appearance before the Senate labor racket investigators today.

It'll be interesting to note whether he's as good at evading explanation of use of union funds as he has been in giving the Senate committee the run-around for the past two months.

Wedding rings used to be made wider and stinger because they were worn longer.

It's easy to be economical after you run out of money.

The portly Beck told the committee he refused to give up his records because doing so would "very definitely" tend to incriminate him. When the committee subpoenaed them, he still refused.

Beck entered the jammed, flood-

### Big Meeting

WASHINGTON (UP) — AFL-CIO President George Meany today called an extraordinary meeting of the federation's Executive Council on Friday to deal with Teamsters Boss Dave Beck.

lighted Senate hearing room 15 minutes early, smiling composedly. Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) began the proceedings with a charge that Beck "may have misappropriated" \$320,000 of union money.

Beck's response was to challenge the committee's authority to judge "criminal practices or activities." He said he was under threat of income tax prosecution and so would not testify about his finances.

### Refuses Papers

Under sharp chiding by McClellan he persisted in his refusal. Raising his naturally high-pitched voice, the round boss of the nation's biggest union said:

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### Spring Styles For Everyone

Spring is here (at least the calendar says so). And one of the many features of Spring is a season of exciting fashions.

To provide our readers, particularly the feminine set, with the latest in new style trends, the Courier and Times present a special Fashion Section today on Pages 17 to 32. Everything from new suits to spring-lovely hats and elegant accessories are described in word and picture in today's special fashion supplement. And milady isn't the only one who'll be showing off spring fashions come Easter. Today's special section includes latest fashion notes for men and boys, too.

Don't miss it, today, on Pages 17-32.

### Fitting For A New Life



Helping a young Hungarian refugee at Camp Kilmer, N. J. select shoes for his new American life is Mrs. Edward M. Linforth, Hulmeville, former chairman of the Lower Bucks County Chapter, American Red Cross. Mrs. Linforth has volunteered several days at the Army center. The Red Cross provides clothing for the new arrivals from Hungary. "The cooperation between the Army, the church and welfare agencies and the Red Cross at Camp Kilmer is wonderful," she says. "It's a sight to see."

## Levittowner Guilty In Morals Case

A Levittown man was found guilty of statutory rape yesterday and a companion was acquitted of a charge of indecent assault. The two were arrested in a car on Jan. 31 by Bensalem Township police, near Oakford. Two 15-year-old Philadelphia girls were with them.

The Levittowner, Bruce A. Evans, 20, of 33 Flower Lane, was sentenced to one to 11 months in Bucks County Prison by Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite.

### Acquitted

The other youth, James M. Johnson, 20, of 438 Elmwood Avenue, Trevoze Heights, was acquitted of indecent assault, but he was ordered to pay costs of prosecution.

Both requested and received a trial without a jury.

Police arrived before Johnson had relations with his girl, and his attorney, E. Dilwyn Darlington, argued the charge of indecent assault should not stand because the girls were minors.

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## Murder Weapon Lender Sentenced

The man who gave a murder gun to William R. Smith, Jr., was sentenced yesterday to two to 23 months in Bucks County Prison, was ordered to pay costs of prosecution and was fined \$50.

The sentence imposed by President Judge Edward G. Biester on Joseph F. Cumiskey, 26, of 2642 E. Cambria St., Philadelphia. Cumiskey pleaded guilty to technical charges of conspiracy.

## Jewish Couple Files For Adoption Trial

MIAMI BEACH (UP)—The long legal fight of a Jewish couple to adopt the 6-year-old orphaned girl they have reared since infancy will be renewed in Florida courts, it was indicated today.

Ben Cohen, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis, said he filed an adoption suit in circuit court today seeking to win permanent custody of little Hildy McCoy Ellis.

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## 13-Year-Old Was Hiding Across Street

Missing 4 Days, She Ran Away From Parents

A 13-year-old Levittown girl who had been missing from her home four days was found last night living across the street in a vacant house. Bristol Township police said the girl was in the house all the time she was "lost" and had only a handful of cookies to eat.

The girl Dianne (White) Burd, now 14 months old, are presently living in Upper Darby with her stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Steven White, at 55 Gentle Road, Goldenridge, Levittown, because she felt she was not being treated right.

She was found 6 p.m. yesterday in the vacant house at 52 Gentle Road.

Police Chief John R. Stewart, said an unidentified employee of the Penn Realty Company reported a girl was living in the empty house.

Patrolman William Edmonds went to the house and found Dianne. She was taken to police headquarters and at first refused to eat. Police said she insisted on going to live with her father, Robert Burd, of Plainfield, N.J., because she was "unhappy" in her home with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Steven White.

Her mother and father, who has also remarried, were called to the police station. After a conference both parents agreed to let the child go with her father.

## 3 Injured In Car Flip

Three Bristol youths were injured when the car they were riding in hit a dirt embankment and flipped over on Magnolia road, near Magnolia Gardens, Sunday night.

The car was driven by John Benjamin, 19, of 277 Cleveland St., Bristol. He told police he was traveling 40 miles per hour as he approached a sharp curve and was unable to negotiate it.

## Mayor Ends Up In Tough Fix

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—UP—Criminal Court Judge E. G. Newell sentenced resigned Mayor Rex Knott of Riviera Beach, Fla., to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine Monday for using his official position to fix a friend's traffic ticket.

The judge said he was "reluctant" to pass such sentence because of Knott's good civic work, but that "this is the type of case I think deserves punishment." Knott resigned last month and pleaded guilty to the charge.

A Levittown mother who struck her infant son so hard that his skull was fractured in four places yesterday had the child taken away from her for at least six months.

The woman, Mrs. Loretta Currin, 26, of 39 Huckleberry Lane, Holly Hill, Levittown, was also fined \$50 and placed on probation after President Judge Edward G. Biester suspended a 23-month sentence.

A condition of her probation is that she continue seeing a psychiatrist. Whether or not she gets her son back at the end of six months depends on her mental condition at that time.

Both she and her son, Conrad, now 14 months old, are presently living in Upper Darby with her stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smollens.

### Bounced Off Crib

She pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery on her son on July 31, hitting him so hard with her hand that his head bounced against a crib. His skull was fractured in at least four places.

The child spent several months in St. Christopher's hospital, Philadelphia. It was feared that the sight and hearing of the child had been impaired, but a physician reported yesterday that both now appear to be normal.

Two other children, Catherine and William, died at the ages of six and seven months, respectively. Coroner's reports list the cause of death as "asphyxiation by vomit."

One, William, suffered a fractured skull when he was three months old, and Mrs. Currin yesterday testified it was caused by a fall from bed.

### 'Cried Too Much'

Mrs. Currin said she hit Conrad because "he cried too much" and she was upset over her husband's job and his drinking. She was placed in Norristown state hospital after the beating, and although the hospital report called her "sane," it said she has paranoid tendencies.

Dr. John E. Turner, a psychiatrist who has seen Mrs. Currin ten times since January, testified yesterday she "is not insane in the medical or legal sense."

Dr. Turner said the woman has "superior intelligence . . . and is extremely impulsive and extremely dependent" on others, pointing out that "Mr. Currin cannot meet her demands because he has much the same problems."

The psychiatrist said Mrs. Currin is now much more at ease.

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## Co-Op To Hear Dr. Melnick

Dr. Arnold Melnick will speak at the regular meeting of the Levittown Kindergarten and Nursery Co-Op tomorrow night on "Understanding Your Child." The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Temple Shalom, Edgely Road, where classes are currently being held.

## Brescia Held For Action By Grand Jury

Vincent Brescia, of 20 Schoolhouse Lane, Stonybrook, Levittown, was ordered held under \$1000 bail for Bucks County Grand Jury following a hearing yesterday on charges of receiving stolen goods before JP Earl B. Dougherty, Edgely.

Brescia, who until yesterday was a candidate for the Republican nomination as justice of the

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peace in Bristol Township, is accused of buying a calculator and typewriter stolen from the Cornwells Chemical Company, of Cornwells Heights.

Yesterday Brescia filed a form with the county Board of Elections to withdraw his candidacy. He was running for the nomination with the support of the Bristol

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### Inside Today

#### Women Prove Themselves In All Fields

Years ago they used to say, "a woman's place is in the home."

Today, however, women the world over are proving their mettle in far-flung fields. And this includes Lower Bucks County where the feminine touch is blending in our everyday endeavors.

For an insight on five such women, read Courier & Times Society Editor Joan Nevins Rinehart's interesting feature on women executives. In words and pictures she tells of the untiring work done daily by a hospital administrator, an author, a sales promotion manager, and an elementary school supervisor.

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# Israel Ready To Ask UN Force Quit Area

## Hi-Fi Recording



(Courier and Times Photo)

Members of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Greene Lane and Emilie Road, Levittown, are recording a Hi-Fi long-playing album of favorite anthems and hymns under the direction of Henry

Kerr Williams. Proceeds from the sale of the record album will furnish pews in the planned \$240,000 addition to the church building. The recordings are being made by the Bucks County Sound Laboratory.

## Gun Lender Sentenced

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Cummiskey yesterday, insisted he told Cummiskey he wanted the gun "to scare my wife into coming back to live with me."

### Borrowed Gun

The gun was borrowed on Sept. 8, the day before Smith shot his wife, Ethel, to death in her Bristol apartment and wounded Mrs. Helen Songer, his wife's companion.

Cummiskey, who testified he has known Smith since the two went to school together, said Smith asked him for a gun after the latter spotted several realistic wood models in Cummiskey's kitchen.

"He asked me for a real one to scare a bartender who rolled him for his pay," Cummiskey said, testifying that he agreed to loan him the revolver. "He (Smith) said it wouldn't look real without bullets, and I told him to stuff silver paper in it." "I figured he'd just threaten the guy . . . he didn't give any sign of being upset," Cummiskey said, stating that he bought bullets with Smith's money at Smith's insistence.

"Shoot Rats With" Cummiskey brushed off a police statement taken from him after the murder in which he said he loaned Smith the gun to "shoot rats with." He said he mentioned rats "because I didn't want to incriminate myself."

Smith said he never mentioned a bartender and that Cummiskey loaned him a glass cutter, and tape with which to break into his wife's apartment. Cummiskey denied loaning him the articles.

Cummiskey was defended by court-approved attorneys Virgil White, Morrisville, and Alfred F. Shea, Cornwells Heights.

## Child Taken

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because of her lessened responsibilities, calling the combination of marriage and child care "a strain."

He also said the woman has a hard time accepting reality and prefers to live in a dream-type world.

Dr. Turner dwelled at length on why imprisonment would be harmful to Mrs. Currin, including the point that "she has a tendency to harbor resentment."

Before imposing sentence Judge Biester told Mrs. Currin, "the fact that you have lost two other children does not go unnoticed by us . . . it is disturbing. I'm not convinced the welfare of the child will be best served by allowing him to remain with you, at least for this time."

Bristol township and state police investigated the case, and Mrs. Currin was defended by Attorney William Goldman, Doylestown.

## Registrars Sit In Middletown

Bucks County's traveling registrars are sitting at two Middletown Township locations, the Samuel Everett elementary school, Trenton Road and the Township Building, Hulmeville Avenue, to enroll new voters for the May 21 primary elections. Tomorrow and Thursday the entire staff of traveling registrars will be at Pomeroy's community room, in the Levittown Shopping Center.

Democrats outregistered Republicans yesterday, 97 to 58, at the Edgely Fire Hall, with two no-party voters signing up. Monday will be the last day to register for the primary elections. Robert F. Detwiler, chief clerk of the registration commission, said today.

## Bucks Judges Decide Juvenile Cases With Gentle Firmness

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The case, like all other juvenile proceedings, was behind closed doors. The judge, court clerk, probation officer, boy, the woman complainant, and prosecuting police officer were seated at a rectangular table, practically rubbing elbows.

There was more of a discussion session (unlike adult criminal court where one witness testifies and leaves the stand permanently) than a formal court proceeding, with one witness allowed to interrupt another with a pertinent point. Parents, too, were allowed to intersperse remarks during the proceedings.

The records were presented to the judge by Robert Shields, county juvenile officer. Only the persons involved are allowed to sit in on the proceedings.

First, the police officer read the charges, then the woman complainant told how he cut her off, saying he laughed as he backed out of a driveway in front of her. The woman testified the boy, whom she didn't know, deliberately cut her off when she tried to pass him on the highway, stopped suddenly in front of her, and deliberately made her miss a traffic light.

She said she took the boy's license number with the intention of staying away from him in the future, but later decided to file charges.

The boy denied laughing at her and tried to explain away the other offenses. The police officer interrupted to back up the woman's testimony, stating she was "still shaking from the experience" when she filed the complaint.

Considering all the evidence, Judge Rubin found the boy guilty of all counts except reckless driving, placed him on probation for two months, and took away his driving privileges for that period. The boy was not fined. Concerning the 14-year-old handled by Judge Biester, the boy admitted two burglaries, but said it was at the suggestion of an older boy. Through questioning of two other boys, Judge Biester previously had determined that the fourth, a 17-year-old, was the ring-leader in six burglaries.

However, the judge didn't dwell too long on the burglaries. He sought the boys' confidence, and tried to determine the real reason for the delinquency. Through probing, he learned of a possible feeling of inferiority that the boy might have because of a stepmother. More probing uncovered what might be considered harsh punishment, including confinement to a room for a minor infraction.

### Model Student

The boy's teachers, in a voluntary report to a police officer, reported him a "model student," except when he was severely punished at home. His father admitted to the judge the punishment might be considered severe, but he never realized it.

After further probing and sympathetic testimony from witnesses, Judge Biester and the father and boy reached a working agreement, and the boy was allowed to return home to his parents. Judge and the boy had a long discussion about the stepmother, with the judge ending, "I think that if you'd meet your stepmother half-way, she'd be more than delighted."

The other two boys, like most who end up in juvenile court, were heard separately. And, like most others, they sat like little lost children, not quite comprehending the seriousness of the charges against them but realizing had been wrong. The lesson often lasts a lifetime.

Both 15 years old, they ad-

mitted participating in the wave of burglaries because the ring-leader had promised it would be "fun." One said he was afraid of the ring-leader. All appeared in court with bewildered and shocked parents, who could see no reasons for their children's actions.

### Probation

The boys were declared "delinquents" and, after questioning and feeling out the parents, Judge Biester allowed the boys to return home on probation. As with most boys, he ordered the youths to improve their school grades because he thought the boys were capable of better work. Reports on school work are made to the juvenile officer as a probation requirement.

The 17-year-old ring-leader didn't fare so well. His case was referred to Delaware County, where the boy's father lives. Juvenile cases, unlike adult cases, are handled by the county where the boy lives rather than the county where the crime is committed. The boy was committed to the juvenile detention home at Media after Judge Biester commented, "If I had disposition of this case, I'd send you away."

Often, the judge will send parents and boys out of the room while the judge and juvenile officers discuss the boy, the parents and the general situation to determine what is best for the boy.

Such was the case with a 17-year-old who was sent to Luzerne County Industrial School for Boys. The boy and another burglarized a home, got drunk on the liquor they stole, and were picked up by police after an accident with a stolen car.

### Parents

The boy's parents are separated, and he lives with a father who works until 3 a.m. Considering the lack of supervision and other parental problems, Judge Biester called the situation "intolerable," commenting the boy would have to be sent to the school for his "own good."

He told the boy his "best opportunity for improvement is to be placed in a school like this. It will give you the opportunity for an adequate education and, when released, you may have an opportunity to join the service (the boy had quit school at 16 to join the Navy). We are not sending you to the school for punishment, but because we feel the present situation (at home) cannot go on."

The boy, who appeared reticent and shy, probably was pushed toward delinquency by cruel remarks about his "stupidity." Another example of juvenile court supervision was an order to a boy to get his "Elvis Presley" type hair cut as a provision of his probation. The boy admitted taking part in several Lower Bucks burglaries and was paroled to a local police officer and Mr. Shields.

In addition to the haircut, the boy was warned he was "getting a try out" and sterner methods would be taken if he gets in trouble again.

### No Blame

To the parents, Judge Biester

## Burglars Loot Levittown Home

Burglars broke into the home of David Johnson, at 58 Ruby Lane, Red Cedar Hill, Levittown, yesterday and took a small metal box containing personal papers. The thieves entered the house through a front bedroom window. Davis reported the break in occurred between 1:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. when no one was home.

said, "I'm not placing any blame on you. I wouldn't know where to place the blame for some of these things." He later advised them, "Don't cover up for him, you'll be doing a disservice to him."

And so it went, with a parade of disinterested parents, doting parents, concerned parents, and delinquent children. Some boys were brought in for running away from home, truancy, stealing cars, and other burglaries. Few know the real reason why they committed crimes, and the judge only has time to scratch the surface for underlying reasons.

The judge can only suit his disposition of a case to what he and investigating officers can uncover, but changing of the youth depends chiefly as to whether he accepts training, a metamorphosis brought on by time, the boy's own attitude, and his parents.

Tomorrow: Girls in court.

## Jewish Couple

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mind when she found out the couple was Jewish and began a court fight to have Hildy put into a Catholic orphanage for adoption by a Catholic family.

The woman has expressed no desire to rear Hildy herself.

The Ellises, unable to have children of their own, have carried on a five-year court battle for custody of the child. The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled against them in 1955.

During the five year fight to keep their daughter, the Ellises fled from their home in Boston and hid in different cities including Levittown. They stayed for two months in 1955 at the Snowball Gate home of their first cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaplan, 43 Spinythorn Road.

## Grange Members Visit New York

Eighty-four members of the Middletown Grange, Number 694, left this morning to visit New York City.

The group left in two bus loads from the Locker Room, Newtown. They plan to visit the Statue of Liberty, Chinatown and Radio City.

## Seeing Levittown

By LEE GARB



Our favorite trumpet-man, Don McCargar, of 9 Favored Lane, has hit "Metronome," the top jazz magazine. . . Don, who's a studious-looking, cultured young man employed in chemical research, rips the lid off with Trenton's old hot jazz combo, the "Capitol City Five" four nights a week. And when he's not getting raves from "Chicago" jazz fans, he plays real "cool" and that's the stuff that sends us!

We can't mention any names because we'd spoil it. . . but a certain expectant father in the lower Bucks area is going to be surprised with a strictly stag BABY SHOWER this week. (S'pose it'll be a boy?)

And speaking of offspring. . .

## Hamarskjold Ends Talks With Nasser

Israel is ready to demand the withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force from the Middle East because Israeli leaders feel its presence threatens Israel's ability to defend itself, Jerusalem dispatches indicated today.

The strong Israeli stand against the UNEF and especially against stationing UNEF troops inside Israel — was viewed in Cairo as a major reason for U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjold's inability to reach a firm agreement with Egypt on the future of the UNEF.

Hammarskjold ended his talks with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser shortly after midnight this morning and prepared to fly to New York to report to the major Suez Canal users on Nasser's plans for reopening the canal next month.

U.N. sources disclosed today that Hammarskjold had summoned his top financial adviser, Chairman John J. McCloy of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, to Cairo to discuss how to pay for clearing the canal—one of history's biggest salvage jobs.

Cost of the salvage project has been estimated at around \$20 million, Egypt demands that Britain and France pay and has also asked for several millions from the U.N. for wrecked dredging equipment. McCloy, who arrives tonight or in the morning, was expected to help on a final solution to the problem.

## Beck

(Continued From Page One) different times when asked for his papers:

"I am not prepared to release them" (repeated three times). "I must decline to do so."

He invoked not merely the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination but also the fourth's against search and seizure. McClellan bluntly asked Beck if he believed answering the committee's questions might incriminate him.

"Yes, I believe very definitely so," Beck replied.

McClellan lost no time in making it clear the committee believes Beck took money from the union and that the money "was neither a gift nor a loan to him."

McClellan said the committee also found evidence of "loose and irresponsible handling of union funds" which gave it grave concern.

## Squad To Map Circus Plans

Plans will be formulated tonight for the Clyde Beatty Circus on May 25 at a fund-raising committee meeting of the Levittown Emergency Squad.

Meeting at squad headquarters, 81 Holly Drive, the committee, under the chairmanship of Frank Kerwood, 211 Cedar Drive, will set up a wide scope arrangement for advance ticket sales and block ticket sales to business firms for free distribution to under-privileged and crippled children.

## To Discuss LPRA

A group representing 35 Levittown organizations, including the Women's Clubs will meet tonight at the VFW Post Home on Haines Road at 8:30 p.m., to discuss the Levittown Public Recreation Association with Dick Gersuo, Executive Director of LPRA and Edward L. Hough, Trustee.

# The Levittown Times

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Second Front Page

Sustain That Note



(Courier and Times Photo)

Fairless View School fifth and sixth graders practice for their annual "Fairless Re-View." The show will be presented at the Fairless Hills school 8 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Avis Saunders (left), director of music, puts the chorus through its paces. The program features the Pennsbury Elementary band, solos by Fairless View students and choral numbers by the group.

## GOP Commends Brescia Quitting

Bristol Township Republican leaders today commended Vincent Brescia, accused of buying stolen property, for withdrawing as a candidate for the party's nomination as justice of the peace.

At the same time they announced that a meeting of party committee people has been called for tomorrow night to select another candidate. He will have to run on a write-in campaign since it is too late to file to get on the ballot.

Brescia was ordered held for the Bucks County grand jury under \$1000 bail last night by JP Earl B. Dougherty. He was arrested Saturday night and police reported they found a typewriter and calculator, stolen from the Cornwells Chemical Company, in his home.

Following his arrest Brescia yesterday withdrew as a candidate.

"Unfortunately Circumstances"

A letter sent by party leaders to Brescia stated that "the unfortunate circumstances which

## Brescia Held

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to Township Republican Committee.

He was opposed for the Republican nomination by Thomas E. Neibauer, who is running on the slate proposed by the Modern Republicans. On the Democratic side, two Democrats are running for the party nomination. They are the incumbent, Rene Trischler, Croydon, and John Pietro, Levittown.

### Pleads Not Guilty

Brescia pleaded not guilty before JP Dougherty last night. Edward Deiter, 31, of 412 Court A, Bristol Terrace II, one of the men accused of stealing the machines, testified they sold them to Brescia.

Deiter testified he told Brescia the machines were "hot." It was testified that Brescia paid \$50 for the machines which were valued at \$935.

Another witness, Anthony Sabatini, a contractor of 824 Winder Drive, Windr Village, stated Brescia told him the machines were "on loan."

As the result of this testimony, Squire Dougherty ordered Brescia held for the grand jury. Brescia held for grand jury. Brescia posted bail.

### Told Police

Brescia was arrested Saturday night after Deiter and Frank J. Churchray, 43, of 15 Schumacher Drive, Bristol Terrace I, told police they had sold the machines to the Levittowner.

Police report they found the machines in Brescia's house when they searched it. Deiter and Churchray were arrested on charges of burglarizing U. S. Plumbing Supply company, Beaver Dam Road, and Route 13, Bristol Township.

As in the burglary at the chemical firm, a typewriter and calculator were stolen.

## Births LOWER BUCKS HOSPITAL

MARCH 23

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marconi, Hulmeville Pike, Hulmeville, girl.

MARCH 24

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Viens, 2 Village Pass, Levittown, boy, girl.

MARCH 25

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pone, 808 Third avenue, Bristol, boy. Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe, 52 Middle road, Levittown, twin boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mimm, 303 Holly drive, Levittown, girl. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Marchionna, 81 Pond lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McHugh, 20 Kindle lane, Levittown, girl. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Currin, 165 Bedford road, Fairless Hills, boy. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Alfonsi, 502 Jefferson avenue, Bristol, boy.

## Morals Case

(Continued From Page One) cause the girl willingly let Johnson remove her clothing.

Evans, who is married, was not convicted of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, after Darlington attacked the character of the girl he was with.

However, Judge Satterthwaite pointed out that regardless of the girl's character, Evans was still guilty of statutory rape because the girl he had relations with was under 16.

## Group to Sponsor 2 Children's Films

The Terrible Two's, Trusting Three's—The Frustrating Four's and the Fascinating Five's are the titles of two motion pictures sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association of the Children's Workshop under the chairmanship of Mrs. Florence Rosen.

These pictures which were obtained through the efforts of Mrs. June Rehfield will be presented Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. at the William Penn Center in Falsington.

Mrs. Ida Alphins, supervisor of the nursery school of the Trenton Jewish Community center will do a commentary on the film and answer questions.

Mrs. Alphin who has been director of the Trenton school for the past seven years has been actively engaged in various phases of civic life, particularly as it applies to child care and child welfare.

There will be a related book and literature display conducted by Mrs. Gerrie Aaron.

## News Tip Call May Mean \$5.00

If you've got a keen sense for news, it could mean extra bucks for you. Whatever the news tip might be, just phone the News Tip Editor, Courier and Times, WIndsor 5-1000 or STILLwell 8-3325. For the best tip of the week, the Courier and Times will pay \$5.00.



# Morrisville • Yardley • Makefield

## Socony Oil Company Denied Borough Building Permit

### Overweight Truck Held In Morrisville

A truck belonging to a Brooklyn N.Y. firm rolled through Morrisville last week and it might be some time before it rolls out.

The truck was stopped by officers Mahlon Cummings and Clifton Morris and judged to be 8200 pounds overweight.

**Taken Before JP**  
The driver, Joseph Durbin, 826 North Uber St., Philadelphia, driving for the Haulage Rental Corp., 5 Rebling St., Brooklyn, N.Y., was taken before JP Neal Nolan.

A fine of \$750 and \$5 costs was levied.

The fine wasn't paid and the JP and the company have been in contact ever since.

**Truck At Police Office**  
And now the truck sits in front of the Morrisville police office, alone and unattended.

The disposition of the case and the truck is now in the hands of the county sheriff's office.

### L. Makefield Adopts Budget

Lower Makefield Township's Board of Supervisors officially adopted the township budget last night at a special session of the board.

The budget is effective immediately and a copy is to be submitted to Harrisburg.

Changes in the budget if necessary, can be made after the April 1 deadline is reached. All changes will come from moving funds from one department to another within the budget.

The tax rate in the township is nine mills. A petition in Bucks County Court to raise the rate to 11 mills was denied early this month by the court.

### Roaring 20's Featured

The Roaring Twenties will be reborn this week at the 15th annual minstrel show given by the Tri-F club of the First Presbyterian Church, Morrisville.

The show is on tap March 28, 29, and 30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church starting at 8:30 p.m. each night.

The Tri-F club, a married couple's group, will present the show with the theme of the Roaring Twenties as the highlight.

Kenneth Traub is general chairman of the event, assisted by Richard Burns, who also serves as musical director, Dorothy Gish is in charge of the choreography and Lillian Fisher heads the music department.

Other chairmen include Robert Voorhees and John Adams, advertising; Joseph Olafson, stage; Peg Bartlett, costume; Mrs. Francis Gray, refreshments; Mrs. Victor Cote, make-up; Gordon White Jr., John Ribar and Mrs. Robert Voorhees, publicity; and Burt Anderson, Francis Gray, and Robert Voorhees, tickets and program.

### Firemen Save Pup In Blaze

Firemen rescued a pup from a fire which caused an estimated \$1,000 damage in a Middletown Township home today.

The fire, which apparently started from a cigarette, was in the home of Andrew Moore, 1840 Old Lincoln Highway. It destroyed a couch. Only the dog was in the building when flames broke out.

Fire-fighting units from Parkland and Pennel rushed into the dwelling and carried the dog from the flames and smoke to safety.

Much of the \$1,000 damage was caused by smoke and water, according to Chief William Ott, of the Parkland Fire Company.

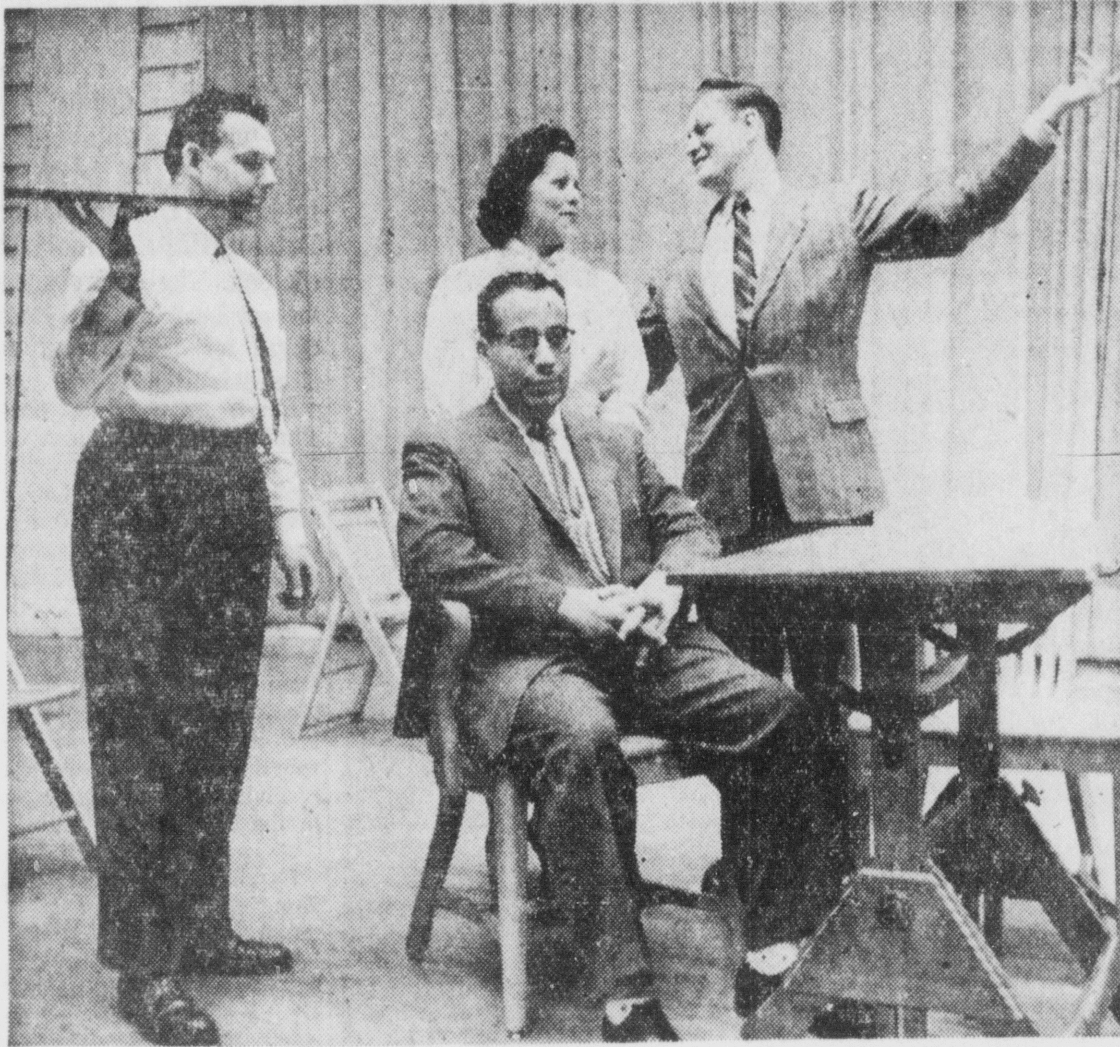
Cause of the blaze is unknown. However, Chief Ott said it apparently started from a cigarette smoldering on the couch.

### Falls Elks Plan To Acquire Land

Fairless Hills Elks, Lodge No. 2023, held its semi-monthly meeting last night at the Mill Gate Restaurant, Morrisville, and discussed proposed plans for acquiring land and a temporary meeting place.

More than 75 members attended the meeting. John McClintock, chairman of the entertainment committee, said plans were working for a dance in the near future. The time and place of the next meeting will be announced later, spokesmen said.

### Prince and his Court



Members of the cast for the "Student Prince" to be presented at Pennsbury High School rehearse their parts. From left, Edward Hamilton, Mrs. Edward Hamilton, David Alloway, and seated, Ralph Touch.

### Levitt Jr. To Do Honors To 14 Stores

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are four check-out booths for shopping speed.

**AJAX CLEANERS**, with plant on the premises, offers the finest in laundering and dry cleaning service. The airy, modern plant features the most advanced scientific techniques enabling them to offer speedy service.

**CUTLER PAINTS** is a complete home decorating center offering everything needed in paints, painting supplies and home decorating needs.

**FOOD FAIR** is the most modern of super-market food centers, with wide aisles and the latest in attractive and efficient merchandising display. There are 12 check-out booths, plus a "speed" line for fast, efficient service.

**JUBILEE LANES** is the County's newest and modern bowling alley, with 30 lanes. Special features are a public meeting room, a convenient "Snack Bar" and a color television lounge.

**KIDDIE MART**, a complete children's furniture center, is gayly decorated in carnival colors and offers, in addition to juvenile furniture, a full line of toys, sporting equipment, as well as Norcross and Gibson greeting cards and gift wrappings.

**KINNEY SHOES** offers footwear for the entire family and their tastefully decorated salon offers the very latest in merchandising display. A color scheme of apple green and strawberry is highlighted by interior shadow-box display cases. The large area affords accommodations for as many as 68 persons at one time.

**LAVINHAL'S SHOES**, branch of the established Trenton firm, specializes in corrective and formal shoes for children. Special chairs, scaled to size, make fitting of children easier. The shop features a unique arrangement of colorful sliding panels to conceal stock.

**MEENAN FLYING "A" STATION** is a complete one-stop car servicing center. An official State inspection station, open 24 hours a day, with prompt road service and trained mechanics on duty.

**NEFFLE'S BAKERY** offers the best in breads, pastries and cakes for special occasions. New design display cases allow for eye-level selection. The shop is attractively decorated in aqua and rose, with shining chrome fixtures.

**PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK**, offering complete banking services, is an example of the most modern bank design. The bank is open on Friday evenings for the convenience of shoppers.

**RITTER FINANCE COMPANY**, a modern and efficient loan office offering fast and efficient service to customers.

**SUN RAY DRUGS** combines a self-service variety department, a soda fountain and lunch bar and an accurate and prompt prescription service.

**VINCENT AND JOSEPH**, another branch of the famous hair stylists. Trained beauticians offering the finest in beauty care.

**NO MINUTE WALTZ**  
ROSEN, France (UP)—German pianist Heinz Arns shakily got up from his piano stool at the Theatre de la Lyre Sunday night after 620 hours of continuous playing, which broke his own former world's record by 20 hours.

### Unusual Quintuplet

## Yardley's Fire Truck Due Soon

Yardley's new \$40,000 fire truck, the first quintuplet truck in the county, makes its grand entrance into the borough Thursday.

Chief John Ziaylek announced today that the truck, secured from the American La France Corporation in Elmira, N.Y., will be driven into the borough from the northern New York city Thursday.

The first quintuplet type fire fighting truck in the county, the new vehicle features five separate features. Most fire trucks list three and sometimes four of the features, but not all five.

**Fourth Truck**  
The new truck will have a 75 foot aerial ladder, a 750 gallons per minute pump, a 200 foot ground ladder, a 250 gallon booster tank, and 1000 feet of two and a half inch hose and 8000 feet of inch and a half hose.

This vehicle will be Yardley's fourth fire truck. The borough is also protected by a 1955, 750 gallon truck, a 1950 power wagon, used mostly on field fires, and a 1948 pumper truck.

It will take about two weeks before the new fire fighting vehicle is available for service.

Chief Ziaylek said the vehicle first has to be tested by the fire underwriters and by the company engineer who will drive it to Yardley from Elmira.

Chief Ziaylek also announced the fire company's drive for funds will begin May 1 this year to help pay the cost of the new equipment.

### Residents See Sewer Answer

Morrisville residents, living on Glenside Avenue between Lafayette and Harper, will meet with the Borough Council next week to tackle their sewer and street problem.

The meeting is set for 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall April 3. Members of the Municipal Authority will also be on hand to explain the sewer problem to the residents.

The street is an unpaved road and does not have any sewer lines at present.

Residents will be asked to sign a sewer line release which will free the borough from taxing residents of the street for use of the sewer line and at the same time eliminate the possibility of a street being built at the location.

All persons who own property on Glenside Avenue between the locations of Harper and Lafayette Ave. will be invited to attend the session.

### \$20,000 Church Program To Begin

The construction of a \$20,000 house-chapel for the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Morrisville will begin this week.

Rev. Marvin Dewalt, pastor, said the chapel to be built on the northwest corner of Alden Ave. and Winding Way in Pennsbury Heights, will be completed in July.

A building fund drive to help defray the costs of the chapel and the first unit of the main church building will begin sometime this spring.

The church, founded in 1955 with only 21 members, now numbers 200 active members.

### Plans Would Violate Boro Ordinances

A building permit to allow construction of a garage and service station in the Morrisville Shopping Center has been denied to the Socony Vacuum Oil Company, the borough secretary's office announced today.

Borough Secretary Bob Steward said the permit was refused because the plans, as submitted to him, did not comply with the borough's zoning ordinance.

The gas company intended to build a station on the corner of the Shopping Center at Pennsylvania and Trenton Avenues.

The garage was to be built on a high level with the State Liquor Store on Bridge Street moving in under the new service station.

**Will Have To Wait**  
Both the garage and the State Store will have to wait until the garage complies with the conditions set forth in the ordinance if such a building is to be built.

The borough zoning ordinance is violated by the plans of the garage in the following departments:

(1) The permit was refused because the garage would become a safety factor. Plans call for the drives to be too close to the corner.

(2) The garage intends to remove certain trees along the street which would be a violation of some of the conditions of the borough's Shade Tree Commission.

(3) The borough code does not allow a gasoline pump closer than 15 feet to the curb and the intended pumps of this garage would be closer than 15 feet.

(4) The sign of the new garage would be larger than 40 square feet. Borough ordinance prohibits any sign in the borough more than 40 square feet.

Secretary Steward said the application can be submitted again when all the conditions of the borough zoning codes and ordinances are met.

### Rummage Sale Is Arranged

The St. Theresa Guild of the Holy Trinity Church of Morrisville will sponsor a rummage sale this week at 32 East Bridge St.

Mrs. Harold W. Hills said the sale will take place March 28, 29 and 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon and from 7 to 8 p.m. at night.

Persons unable to deliver donations may call Mrs. Hills or Mrs. Ernest W. Hulse, Jr. and arrange to have someone pick up the goods.

Volunteer workers include Mrs. Michael Sayko, Mrs. Isabel Meszaros, Mrs. Leonard Ferry, Mrs. Frank Brades, Mrs. Francis Purcell, Mrs. J. A. Waller, Mrs. George Health, Mrs. Joseph Hughes, Mrs. Mary Mazza, Mrs. Martha Ruddick, and Mrs. Josephine Messina.

### Speaker Slated At Valley Chapel

Dr. Horace Dean, founder and president of Christ For America, an interdenominational and international evangelical movement, will speak at the Oxford Valley Chapel, Route 1 and Oxford Valley, at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Dr. Dean recently returned to Philadelphia and established a headquarters for Christ For America, after spending several years in the mid-west. The Christian worker has served in the Delaware Valley for more than 20 years.

### Morrisville Cubs To Get Awards

Cubmaster Richard Campbell will present awards to some of the Cubs of Pack 85, Morrisville, tomorrow in the parish house of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, North Pennsylvania Ave.

Three dens will also present skits at the meeting on the theme of Indian trails.

The boys to receive awards include John Busche, John Firman, Philip Klemmer, Don Walsh, Bob Cunningham, Doug Ludwig, Jim Farr, Ricky Bennett, Larry Campbell, and Bill Fenimore.

Also Craig Chapman, Dick Ancehine, Alan Comfort, Bill Mason, Jim Frye, David Kinney, Roger Devonshire, and Eddie Codd.

### WANTS BARE FACTS

WASHINGTON (UP)—James B. Carey, vice president of the AFL-CIO, apparently has an eye for beach fashions. Carey, discussing a Senate rackets probe of labor unions, said Sunday night, "We'd like to have full and complete disclosure—like a Bikini arrangement."

### Extra Day Slated For \$1 Polio Shots

The great demand for \$1 anti-polio shots has prompted the Lower Bucks County Medical Center at Nottingham Village, Bensalem Township, to offer an unscheduled session Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All persons in Lower Bucks County under 50 years of age will be given shots until the Salk vaccine runs out. Last Sunday over 700 persons turned out. About 300 were turned away when the serum ran out at mid-afternoon.

**Response "Tremendous"**  
Officials at the center said the response was "tremendous." They are holding the extra session to give shots to those who were turned away. The center usually gives the anti-polio vaccinations on the fourth Sunday of the month, only.

Last Sunday, shots were given to everyone under 50 until 1:30 p.m. At that time serum was low, and doctors decided to offer shots to children only. At 2:10 the center ran out completely. A large quantity of Salk vaccine was on hand, but the demand was greater, explained a center spokesman.

The line of waiting people was double thick within the building and ran about 150 feet on the outside. It remained at this length throughout the day, a center spokesman said.

### Remnants Of Storm Sweeping Eastward

The remnants of a four-day snowstorm swept into the East today, while in the West, rescue crews worked around the clock to free travelers and entire communities still isolated by the paralyzing fury of the blizzard.

Forecasters said the storm was largely spent, although it still packed enough wallop to dump 2 to 5 inches of snow in northern Illinois and Indiana, central and southern Michigan and southern Wisconsin during the night and today.

A United Press tally since the spring storm started Friday night showed at least 32 persons dead in weather caused mishaps in nine states. The toll included nine killed in Illinois, six in Texas, five in Oklahoma, three each in Kansas, Nebraska and Indiana, and one each in New Mexico, Iowa and Ohio.

The giant blizzard, described as the worst in history in some western states, buried parts of the Southwest under 30-foot drifts and more than two feet of drought-easing snow in the Nebraska and Iowa corn country.

An estimated 7,500 travelers were stranded by the storm, but most of them were free or out of danger today.

**Pardons Probers To Invite Leader**  
HARRISBURG (UP)—The legislative Board plans to invite Gov. George M. Leader to testify or send a statement outlining any matters he may wish to cover concerning clemency granted to convicts.

Rep. Edwin W. Tompkins (R-Cameron), committee chairman, said the group decided to send a letter to Leader "opening the door to the governor by telling him he is welcome to appear before us, or in lieu thereof, send us a statement in connection with any matters coming before the committee."

"That applies to the Darcy case or any others in which communications were granted on recommendations of the state Board of Pardons," he said. "The governor will not be limited to any case he cares to discuss."

The committee will resume its hearings Wednesday after a two-week recess.

### Overweight Truck Nailed

Morrisville police tapped another overweight truck in the borough yesterday afternoon.

Officer Mahlon Cummings stopped Joel Williams, 36 Louisiana Avenue, Trenton, driving for the Hartman Distributors, Trenton.

The truck was found to be 10,000 pounds overweight, according to the officer.

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### Psychiatrist Report Waited In Robbery

A Morrisville man who pleaded guilty yesterday to burglarizing Fallsington Ford Co. on Feb. 10 will be sentenced after a report from his psychiatrist is made to the court.

Salvatore S. Nalbene, 26, of 804 Fawn St., who admitted breaking into a rear door of the Ford agency, told the court he has visited the psychiatrist since the burglary, apparently to determine why he is "compelled" to commit illegal acts.

He testified yesterday that he "was compelled" to break into the agency, where he smashed a cash register in the spare parts room and took \$24.50.

Falls township police, who apprehended Nalbene inside the building, recovered the money from him.

Nalbene was arrested twice previously, including larceny in 1954 and accepting servicemen's unemployment compensation while he had a job. He said he has made restitution on the compensation.

The former Trenton resident, who operates a crane for American Bridge division of U. S. Steel, said he went to the agency to look for a salesman to discuss a car he had bought there.

He said he broke in when he learned the building was deserted.

### Youths Face Fire Hearing

Two Trevese youths face a hearing today before Bensalem Justice of the Peace Josephine Morris on charges of setting a \$1000 fire March 5 in a barn attached to the Knights of Columbus building, Oakford.

Bensalem Police Chief William Rempp said the boys, aged 11 and 12, "admitted" setting fire to the shack-barn. The chief said the youths were taken into custody after a search of more than a week.

He asked parents to keep "matches and penknives from your children." The chief said eight boys had been taken into custody during the past six months on suspicion of setting fires resulting in more than \$77,500 damage.

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